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**HUEY P. LONG**

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COMMITTEE COMPLETED AND IT IS PREDICTED THEIR INVESTIGATION OF  
NEWORLEANS CITY ADMINISTRATION WILL START AT AN EARLY DATE AND  
BEFORE PRIMARY ELECTION SEPTEMBER ELEVENTH STOP EXAMINATION OF  
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BMA4/2/65 NEWORLEANS DIRECTOR DIVN OF INVESTIGATION WASHN  
OCCUPYING REGISTRAR OF VOTERS OFFICE NEWORLEANS IN DEFIANCE COURT  
ORDER STOP SEVERAL NEWORLEANS CITIZENS THRU THEIR ATTORNEY HAVE  
REQUESTED AN INVESTIGATION BY THIS DIVISION ALLEGING THEIR NAME  
ILLEGALLY SCRATCHED FROM REGISTRARS ROLLS AS RESULT CONSPIRACY  
SENATOR LONG AND CERTAIN STATE OFFICIALS TO DENY THEM THE RIGHT TO  
VOTE IN VIOLATION TITLE EIGHTEEN USCA SECTION FIFTY ONE FULL  
DETAILS THIS COMPLAINT FORWARDED DIVISION BY LETTER TODAY  
WHITLEY.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO :

Mr. McDermott *ggm/lw*

DATE: 5-23-75

FROM :

H. R. Hauer *we H/lw*

SUBJECT:

NEW ORLEANS REGISTRAR'S OFFICE  
(BUFILE 62-32509)

During a survey conducted of all file material in the Filing Unit to establish a data base for the proposed File Automated Control System (FACS), an extensive number of enclosures behind file which bore no serial number were detected. Most of this material is very old and some may possibly be destroyed when time permits a review of these enclosures by the appropriate substantive desk supervisors. However, the immediate objective is to record this material in the data base now being prepared. A serial number is necessary to provide a means of entry and recall of such enclosures in the proposed automated file request system. Attached is one of these enclosure behind file envelopes which should be assigned the same serial number that is given to this cover memorandum to be placed on record in above-captioned case. It is to be noted this form is for internal use only within the Records Section and is to be filed without further routing after being placed on record and the enclosure detached. When the enclosure is detached for appropriate filing, this action should be clearly noted under the word "Enclosure."

## RECOMMENDATION:

That this cover memorandum be placed on record as a not recorded "green" serial in above-captioned case in order to assign a serial number to the attached enclosure as indicated above.

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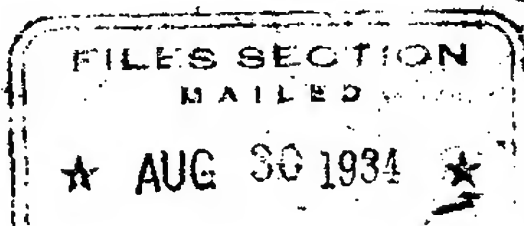
MEMORANDUM FOR MR. WILLIAM STANLEY,  
THE ASSISTANT TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL.

I am transmitting herewith for your information a copy of a letter addressed to me under date of August 27, 1934, by Special Agent in Charge Whitley of the New Orleans office which pertains to a request made upon him by United States Attorney Warren O. Coleman of New Orleans, Louisiana, for investigation into the activities of the associates of Senator Huey P. Long in allegedly depriving the electorate of New Orleans of their civil rights.

I am also transmitting herewith a copy of a letter addressed to Mr. Whitley by Mr. Coleman under date of August 27, 1934, in which Mr. Coleman requests an investigation of what he terms an alleged violation of Title 18 of Section 51, United States Code Annotated.

I am also attaching hereto a copy of a letter dated August 25, 1934, addressed to Assistant United States Attorney Coleman by Mr. George Seth Guion, an attorney of New Orleans, Louisiana, together with the enclosures and exhibits referred to therein other than the photographs.

In the absence of a specific request, I will not authorize any investigation in this matter. It may be noted that the election to be held on September 11, 1934, is a primary. It will be recalled that in an opinion expressed by the Department several years ago, it was stated that primary elections do not come within any existing Federal Statute pertaining to misconduct in the holding of Congressional elections.



Very truly yours,  
For the Director,

T. D. Quinn,  
Acting Assistant Director.

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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice  
326½ Post Office Building,  
New Orleans, Louisiana.  
August 27, 1934.

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SPECIAL DELIVERY.

Director,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
1001 Vermont Avenue, N.W.,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

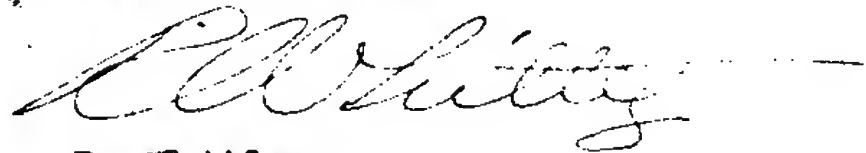
There is transmitted herewith for the Division's information and such action as might be deemed appropriate copy of letter dated August 27, 1934, addressed to this office by Warren O. Coleman, Assistant United States Attorney, New Orleans, Louisiana, requesting an investigation of an alleged violation of Title 18, U.S.C.A., Section 51.

There is also enclosed a copy of letter dated August 25, 1934, which was addressed to the Assistant United States Attorney by Mr. George Seth Guion, local attorney, together with all of the enclosures and exhibits mentioned in Mr. Guion's communication, alleging a conspiracy on the part of certain individuals to prevent qualified electors from voting.

It is requested that exhibits and enclosures be returned to this office when they have served their purpose.

The Division is requested to advise whether the investigation should be conducted.

Very truly yours,



R. Whitley,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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New Orleans  
August  
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Mr. R. Whitley,  
Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
Department of Justice,  
New Orleans, Louisiana.

Dear Sir:

We are referring to you copy of letter addressed to this office by Mr. George Seth Guion, an attorney-at-law practising in the City of New Orleans, who represents certain persons who claim that they have been deprived of their civil rights as registered voters of the Parish of Orleans by being illegally scratched from the registration rolls. The letter of Mr. Guion indicates that there was a conspiracy in violation of Title 18, U.S.C.A., Section 51, to intimidate or prevent qualified electors from voting. The letter fully sets out the fact that can be established if an investigation is made, and we are also enclosing, as exhibits, letters and documents, and, particularly, certain pictures showing the militia with machine guns set up on the registration desks of the registration office, all of which it is claimed was done for the purpose of intimidating those persons who desired to register at the registration office.

We have read carefully a Circular issued by the Department of Justice, and dated October 22, 1932, and, in view of the chaotic conditions

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Mr. R. Whitley.

existing here, taking into consideration the expression of the Circular letter, it is our opinion that the circumstances warrant your Department in proceeding with an investigation.

The militia is at present in full control of the registration office, and defies all orders of the Civil Court, and, when a person's name is scratched from the rolls of the registration office, whether legally or illegally, he is ipso facto deprived of any right to vote at either the primary election or the general election.

We, therefore, request that you take such steps as are necessary to be authorized to make an investigation of this matter immediately.

Respectfully,  
For the U. S. Attorney,

WARREN O. COLEMAN,  
ASST. U. S. ATTORNEY.

WOC/a  
Encls.

August 25, 1934.

Mr. J. Warren Coleman  
Asst. U. S. Dist. Attorney  
New Orleans, La.

My dear Mr. Coleman:

Confirming my conference with you on the 23rd Inst., I am giving you a brief history of such facts and circumstances as have occurred and may be proven, which, in my opinion show a conspiracy in violation of 18 U. S. C. A. Section 51.

During the last municipal campaign and shortly before the primary, held in January 1934, a suit for an injunction was filed against the Registrar of Voters of the Parish of Orleans in which it was alleged th t he was illegally scratching from the rolls of his office the names of duly enrolled registered voters. A return day to hear the rule for a preliminary injunction was fixed, and a temporary restraining order issued, enjoining such practices by the Registrar of Voters.

A few days thereafter in the dark hours of the night, the Registrar of Voters was detected in the act of scratching names of registered voters from the records of his office, in violation of the temporary restraining order. The Court ordered the records of the Office of the Registrar of Voters sequestered and placed in the possession of the Civil Sheriff. The scratching then ceased.

The Registrar of Voters applied to the Supreme Court of Louisiana for writs against the sequestration of the books, and records of his office, but the Court refused to grant the same.

In order to prevent any further interference by the Courts with the conduct of the Office of the Registrar of Voters, in depriving citizens of the right to vote, the regular Session of the Legislature, noted for its servility, adopted Act. No. 109, approved July 13, 1934. A copy of this act, marked "Exhibit A" is herewith enclosed.

Still fearful that the Courts might block any efforts in the design of the State administration to disfranchise the Voters of the 1st and 2nd Congressional districts, a proclamation of martial law, over the signature of O. K. Allen, Governor,



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was declared on July 30, 1934. A copy of the same is enclosed, marked "Exhibit B."

The reasons which are set out in the martial law order as the basis thereof, are not facts and are untrue.

Nothing in the life or conduct of New Orleans justified this military invasion.

The office of the Registrar of Voters was moved across the Street from the City Hall to the Soule Bldg. The Soule Bldg. is leased by the City of New Orleans. Other City Departments occupy space therein. The lower floor was given to the Registrar of Voters. The lights and ventilation are better. It is more commodious, and in every respect a better office. The Registrar of Voters was satisfied with the change and, supervised and did his own moving. Act. No. 109 of 1934, which provides that the books of the registration office shall not be moved "except in pursuance with an order of the Board of Registration," had not yet become a law. It is the duty of the City of New Orleans, under the provisions of Section 13 of Act 122 of 1921, to provide office space for the Registrar of Voters.

Again, no complaints had ever come from the Registrar of Voters or those working under him, to the Mayor, the Supt. of Police or the Dist. Attorney, that any threats of violence had been made against any of them.

There were other reasons which motivated this martial law order.

Thereupon Messrs. Herve Racevitch and Gus. Blancard, Candidates for Congress, from the 1st and 2nd Congressional Districts in the primary election to be held Sept. 11, opposed to Messrs. Malony & Fernandez, Long adherents and the present incumbents, instituted suits in the State Court of New Orleans, in which they alleged the illegality of the occupation of the Office of the Registrar of Voters by the State Militia.

The Court assumed jurisdiction under the authority of Sterling vs. Constantin 287 U. S. 378, 53 S. Ct. 190, in which it was held that the lawfulness or unlawfulness of the acts of the militia are judicial questions.

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Among other things, they alleged:

"That the object, the purpose and the effect of the issuance of said proclamation and the taking possession by the said adjutant-general of the office of the registrar of voters as hereinbefore alleged, all of which are acquiesced in by said Richard J. Gregory, registrar of voters, was and is:

(a.) To intimidate the citizens of the city of New Orleans from appearing at the office of said registrar of voters to register, and to intimidate those citizens who had registered but who had acquired residences in other precincts subsequent to their registering, from appearing at the office of the registrar of voters to be transferred.

(b.) To illegally regulate, interfere with, control and destroy, by executive order, the civil and political rights of the citizens of New Orleans, and especially the right of suffrage, which may only be determined by the courts.

(c.) To permit, under the guise and protection of military control, the unlawful scratching and the disfranchising of thousands of voters of the city of New Orleans entitled to vote in the primary election to be held on September 11, 1934.

(d.) To bring military force to the aid of the registrar of voters to create obstructions to the exercise by the citizens of the city of New Orleans of their rights to register and to be transferred from precinct to precinct.

(e.) To make the judiciary of the city and parish of Orleans subordinate to the military powers.

(f.) To carry out the wicked design and scheme of deliberately stealing the seat in the Congress of the United States for which your petitioner is a candidate.

(g.) To subvert the duly constituted judicial authority of the city and parish of Orleans and to endeavor to make impossible the exercise by the citizens of said city and parish all rights which should be judicially determined."

They further alleged:

"That one Huey P. Long, a resident of the city of

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New Orleans, state of Louisiana, is presently in this city and has been for some time; that he has been conspiring with, and is conspiring with, the said Ray H. Fleming, adjutant-general of the state of Louisiana, to carry out and accomplish the illegal purposes and acts hereinbefore alleged.

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That the said Huey P. Long has been the instigator of said proclamation, he having caused the governor of the state of Louisiana to issue same.

That the said O. K. Allen, governor of the state of Louisiana, is but a tool in the hands of the said Huey P. Long and does and performs any act dictated to him by the said Huey P. Long.

That the said Huey P. Long is neither a peace nor a law officer of the city of New Orleans, state of Louisiana; that he has, with the servile consent and approval of O. K. Allen, governor of the state of Louisiana, taken over all of the powers and functions confided and entrusted by the Constitution and laws of this state to the said governor, and is, himself, exercising and performing the same unlawfully, tyrannically, high-handedly and in conjunction with the said Ray H. Fleming, adjutant-general of the state of Louisiana, with the view and purpose of endeavoring to break down a Republican form of government in the state of Louisiana and city of New Orleans; with the view and purpose of endeavoring to steal two Congressional seats in the House of Representatives of the Congress of the United States from the First and Second Congressional Districts of the state of Louisiana, a judgeship on the Supreme court of the state of Louisiana, and a member of the Public Service commission of the state; with the view and purpose of destroying the peace and safety of the citizens of New Orleans; with the view and a purpose of impairing and destroying the property and civil rights of the people of the city of New Orleans and the rights of your petitioner as herein alleged.

That in all of the illegal acts hereinbefore alleged, the said Huey P. Long has acted as dictator, as chief instigator and has conspired with the said Ray H. Fleming, adjutant-general of the state of Louisiana, and others, in the accomplishment of same.

That unless immediate injunctive relief is obtained against the illegal, unwarranted and tyrannical acts of the said



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Huey P. Long, in his conspiracy with the said Ray H. Fleming, adjutant-general of the state of Louisiana, petitioner, together with the citizens of the city of New Orleans, will suffer great loss, damage and injury."

Ray H. Fleming, Adjutant General of the State of Louisiana, and Huey P. Long, were made defendants in these suits.

The Court fixed a return day to try the rule for a preliminary injunction against the occupation of the office of the Registrar of Voters by the Militia and granted a temporary restraining order against such occupation pending a hearing on the rule.

A copy of the order of Court is enclosed herewith and is marked "Exhibit C."

The Court records may be consulted for the full text of the petitions.

The order of injunction having been defied by the Militia, rules for contempt were taken and tried, against Ray H. Fleming, Adjutant General, Captain Edmond P. Benezech and Lieutenant Numa P. Avendano. Lieutenant Avendano appeared in Court in proper person. He was found guilty of contempt and fined \$25.00 which he paid. In addition, the Court gave him a 10 day jail sentence which was suspended.

The rule for Contempt against the Adjutant General was taken up. He was neither present nor represented by counsel.

He had avoided personal service of all processes of the Court as well as the rule for contempt, by hiding out and not permitting entry of the process servers in the Barracks, where he resides.

Under the authority of Eureka Lake Co. v. Muba Co. 116 U. S., 410, the rule was tried.

He was found guilty. An attachment has issued but not yet served as he still secretes himself in Jackson Barracks. 13

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The rule for Contempt was taken up and tried against Captain Benzeeh. He was not present. He too is in Jackson Barracks at this time. He was represented by his attorney, Mr. Alfred Danziger. He was found guilty. An attachment has issued in his case also.

The militia at Jackson Barracks has refused with a show of force and arms to permit the Civil Deputies to serve the attachment or any other processes.

I enclose you photographs marked Exhibits "D" "E" "F" "G" "H", showing occupation of the office of the Registrar of Voters by the militia; also photographs marked Exhibits "I" and "J", which show the scraps of paper, representing what was done with the processes served upon the militiamen who guard the entrance to Jackson Barracks.

The rules for preliminary injunctions in the cases of Messrs. Rucovitch and Blandard were duly taken up.

Ray H. Fleming made no appearance by counsel or otherwise.

Huey P. Long did not appear in person but signed exceptions to the proceedings which were filed by his friend, Mr. Alfred Danziger.

The exceptions were overruled and the preliminary injunctions were granted.

The Courts are openly defied.

The militia still occupies the registration office.

An extra session of the Legislature was called in August 1934 and has placed upon our Books, Statutes too numerous to mention which strike at the Civil liberties of the people of Louisiana. One of these statutes permits the naming of two election commissions by a Long controlled Board, which places the election machinery in his hands in every precinct.

Governor Allen, a few days ago, over the radio, in a three minute address, after Huey P. Long had spoken over the same station for a full hour, declared that they would pay no attention to the order of a "two-by-four" Judge, meaning the Judge who had jurisdiction of the Court orders above referred to. 14



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The stage is all set for the rape of the ballot on Sept. 11, 1934, unless an alert citizenship shall find a means to prevent it.

Now permit me to go back for the moment to the trial of Captain Benesech for contempt of the orders of the Court.

An examination of the stenographic notes in that case not yet transcribed, will reflect the testimony of Mr. Alfred Danziger, then a witness under cross examination, to be that the martial law order was written and signed in the Suite of Huey P. Long in the Roosevelt Hotel, where all orders were given that there were present, at least, Huey P. Long, Gov. C. K. Allen, Alfred Danziger, Captain Benesech and Ray H. Fleming, the Adjutant General of Louisiana, and most probably Richard Gregory, the Registrar of Voters.

I direct your attention to the further fact that I have copies of radio addresses delivered by Huey P. Long since the proclamation of martial law, which conclusively show that he has full power and authority in all matters affecting the policies of the office of the Registrar of Voters, and that he assumes responsibility for the acts of the Registrar.

I would be pleased to bring to your attention the further fact that the Registrar of Voters is an appointee of the Long administration, and can only be removed by a Board of Registration composed of the Governor, the Lieutenant Governor and the Speaker of the House of Representatives of the State of Louisiana, all of whom are partisans of the Long faction.

The martial law order, emanating from the Long suite in the Roosevelt Hotel, carries the brand of a conspiracy between those present to use the military occupation and possession of the office of the Registrar of Voters to intimidate the Voters and electors of this City.

No more savage blow could be struck at the right of the electorate of this City than this machine gun intimidation; than this nefarious scheme to permit the Registrar of Voters to scratch the names of Voters under the protection of the militia in defiance of the orders of the Courts.

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I take it that it is not necessary for me to cite authority in support of the proposition that,

(a). The right of citizens to vote at an election for a congressman is such a right as is "secured by the Constitution and laws of the United States"; and that

(b) A conspiracy to deprive him of the exercise of this right comes within the provisions of Title 18 Section 51 of U.S. C. A.

I appreciate, too, that the candidates who are opposing the Long candidates for Congress, have no cause for complaint under the Section of the Criminal Code above referred to, and that your Department, with the limited powers conferred upon the Federal Government, may not assume jurisdiction in matters of fraudulent registrations and ballot box stuffings.

But what I do contend for is this:

That this Section protects a citizen in the civil rights secured to him; that the right to vote is a personal right, and that if any one is deprived of that right, through the means of a conspiracy, not necessarily aimed at him but to others in his political class, the situation is covered by the Section.

I cannot divorce myself from the thought that a legal voter, illegally scratched as the result of a conspiracy, in order to deprive him of the right to vote in the September 11th Primary as well as in the General Election in November, is injured in the exercise of a civil right, in violation of 18 U. S. C. A. Section 51, and especially when we take into consideration the fact that the status of that voter on the day that he was scratched will remain unchanged pending the interim between the Primary and General Election which will follow.

If the meeting of the parties in the Roosevelt Hotel, the issuance therefrom of a martial law order for taking possession of the office of the Registrar of Voters, the immediate occupation of that office by an armed militia under an Adjutant General appointed by the Long administration, and the scratching



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under military protection of the names of legally enrolled voters especially those named hereafter; if these facts do not constitute a conspiracy to deprive these individuals of their civil rights, then the whole confederation was meaningless; it had no purpose.

I am enclosing you certain letters addressed to Mr. Walter B. Hamlin of the New Orleans bar, from Mrs. Nita Truxille Simoneaux, Mr. Wallace Simoneaux, Catherine Power, D. J. Estopinel, Frank P. Loup and Anne Mae Schneider; also Mr. Hamlin's letter of transmittal to me.

On behalf of these parties, whose names have been scratched from the registration rolls since the iniquitous conspiracy to deprive them of their right to vote in the September primary election and the November General Election, we ask an investigation by your department of the matters herein recited, and with due dispatch.

May I ask that you please be so kind as to treat this communication as confidential as your appreciation of the proprieties will permit.

With assurances of my continued esteem, I am,

Very cordially yours,

George Seth Gulon

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BERNARD J. DALY  
WALTER B. HAMLIN

NEW ORLEANS

Aug. 25, 1934.

Hon. George Seth Guion,  
American Bank Bldg.,  
City.

My dear Mr. Guion:

I enclose herewith letters received by me  
from the following persons, registered voters of this  
Parish who claim to be illegally scratched:

Anna Mae Schneider, 1524 Carondelet St.  
Catherine Power, 421 S. Pierce St.  
Mrs. Nita Truxillo Simoneaux, 430 Soraparu.  
Wallace Simoneaux, 430 Soraparu St.  
Daniel J. Estopinal, 1451 Annunciation St.  
Frank Paul Loup, 1451 Annunciation St.

These letters speak for themselves.

I would appreciate very much if you would aid me  
in these matters. It is very important to these people and  
to the entire electorate that they be not deprived of their  
rights as citizens to vote in the primary on September 11,  
1934, and the general election in November.

Anything you may do to assist me in protecting  
the rights of these electors will be appreciated.

Thanking you, and with personal regards, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

*Walter B. Hamlin*



New Orleans, Louisiana.  
August 25, 1934.

Walter B. Hamlin, Esq.,  
New Orleans, Louisiana.

Dear Mr. Hamlin:

I am a registered voter of the  
2nd Precinct of the 1st Ward of the City of New Orleans.

I was registered on the 17th day  
of Jan., 1933, and have registration certificate # 370.

I have never moved out of this pre-  
cinct since the date I registered.

On the 8th day of Aug., 1934  
the Registrar of Voters of the Parish of Orleans illegally and  
unlawfully scratched my name from the registration rolls.

I have already authorized you to ins-  
titute suit in the district court in order to have my name reins-  
cribed on the rolls of the Registrar of Voters in order that I  
might not only participate in the Primary Election to be held  
September 11, 1934 for the nomination of a Member of Congress,  
but that I might also participate in and vote for a Congressman  
at the General Election to be held in November of this year.

I further authorize and direct you  
to take whatever action, civil or criminal, against such per-  
ties as have endeavored to deprive me of my right as a citizen  
to vote in the Primary and General Election, as you deem proper.

Yours very truly,

*Frank Paul Loup*  
Frank Paul Loup,  
1431 4th Avenue.

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New Orleans, Louisiana.

August 25, 1934.

Walter B. Hamlin, Esq.,  
New Orleans, Louisiana.

Dear Mr. Hamlin:

I am a registered voter of the  
2nd Precinct of the 1st Ward of the City of New  
Orleans.

I was registered on the 19th day  
of Nov., 1931, and have registration certificate # 247.

I have never moved out of this pre-  
cinct since the date I registered.

On the 8th day of Aug., 1934  
the Registrar of Voters of the Parish of Orleans illegally  
and unlawfully scratched my name from the registration rolls.

I have already authorized you to ins-  
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you deem proper.

Yours very truly,

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New Orleans, Louisiana.

August 25, 1934.

Walter B. Hamlin, Esq.,  
New Orleans, Louisiana.

Dear Mr. Hamlin:

I am a registered voter of the  
Sixth Precinct of the First Ward of the City of New  
Orleans.

I was registered on December 5,  
1933 and have registration certificate #326.

I have never moved out of this  
Precinct since the date I registered.

On December 21, 1933 I applied  
for a change of address from 1504 St. Charles St. to  
1524 Carondelet, in the same Precinct, to the Registrar  
of Voters, and filled out the required slip, or affida-  
vit.

On August 22, 1934 the Registrar  
of Voters of the Parish of Orleans illegally and unlaw-  
fully scratched my name from the registration rolls.

I have already authorized you to  
institute suit in the District Court in order to have  
my name re-inscribed on the rolls of the Registrar of  
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the Primary Election to be held September 11th, 1934  
for the nomination of a Member of Congress, but that  
I might also participate in and vote for a Congressman  
at the General Election to be held in November of this  
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a citizen to vote in the Primary and General Election,  
as you deem proper.

Yours truly,

*Anna Mae Schneider*  
1524 Carondelet St.

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New Orleans, Louisiana.  
August 25, 1934.

Walter B. Hamlin, Esq.,  
New Orleans, Louisiana.

Dear Mr. Hamlin:

I am a registered voter of the  
17<sup>th</sup> Precinct of the 7<sup>th</sup> Ward of the City of New  
Orleans.

I was registered on the 7<sup>th</sup> day  
of Dec, 1933, and have registration certificate #270.

I have never moved out of this pre-  
cinct since the date I registered.

On the 8<sup>th</sup> day of Aug, 1934  
the Registrar of Voters of the Parish of Orleans illegally  
and unlawfully scratched my name from the registration rolls.

I have already authorized you to ins-  
titute suit in the District court in order to have my name  
reinscribed on the rolls of the Registrar of Voters in or-  
der that I might not only participate in the Primary Elec-  
tion to be held September 11, 1934 for the nomination of a  
Member of Congress, but that I might also participate in  
and vote for a Congressman at the General Election to be  
held in November of this year.

I further authorize and direct you  
to take whatever action, civil or criminal, against such  
parties as have endeavored to deprive me of my right as a  
citizen to vote in the Primary and General Election, as  
you deem proper.

Yours very truly,

Catherine Power

Catherine Power  
431 S. Poydras St.



New Orleans, La.,  
August 25, 1934.

Walter B. Hamlin, Esq.,  
New Orleans, La.

Dear Mr. Hamlin:

I am a registered voter of the 3rd Precinct  
of the 10th Ward of the City of New Orleans.

I was registered on October 17, 1931, and have  
registration certificate No. 105.

I have never moved out of this precinct since  
the date of the ~~xx~~ registry.

On the 6th day of August, 1934, the Registrar  
of Voters of the Parish of Orleans illegally and unlawfully  
scratched my name from the registration rolls.

I have already authorized you to institute suit  
in the district court in order to have my name reinscribed  
on the rolls of the Registrar of Voters in order that I might  
not only participate in the primary election to be held Sept.  
11, 1934, for the nomination of a Member of Congress, but  
that I might also participate in and vote for a Congressman  
at the General Election to be held in November of this year.

I further authorize and direct you to take what-  
ever action, civil or criminal, against such parties as have  
endeavored to deprive me of my right as a citizen to vote in  
the primary and general election, as you deem proper.

Yours truly,

*Mrs. Nita Truxillo Simonneau*

Mrs. Nita Truxillo Simonneau,  
~~821xRxxxx~~ 430 Soraparu St.

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New Orleans, La.,  
August 25, 1934.

Walter B. Hamlin, Esq.,  
New Orleans, La.

Dear Mr. Hamlin:

I am a registered voter of the 3rd Precinct  
of the 10th Ward of the City of New Orleans.

I was registered on January 6, 1931, and  
have registration certificate No. 18.

I have never moved out of this precinct since  
the date of the registry.

On the 6th day of August, 1934, the Registrar  
of Voters of the Parish of Orleans illegally and unlawfully  
scratched my name from the registration rolls.

I have already authorized you to institute  
suit in the district court in order to have my name rein-  
scribed on the rolls of the Registrar of Voters in order  
that I might not only participate in the primary election to  
be held Sept. 11, 1934, for the nomination of a Member of  
Congress, but that I might also participate in and vote for  
a Congressman at the General Election to be held in November  
of this year.

I further authorize and direct you to take  
whatever action, civil or criminal, against such parties  
as have endeavored to deprive me of my right as a citizen,  
to vote in the primary and general election, as you deem  
proper.

Yours truly,

*Wallace Simoneaux*

Wallace Simoneaux,  
430 Soraparu St.

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**CIVIL DISTRICT COURT**  
**PARISH OF ORLEANS**  
**STATE OF LOUISIANA**  
**HERVE RACIVITCH**

versus

**RAY H. FLEMING, et als**  
**ORDER**

Considering the opinion rendered by Mr. Chief Justice Hughes in the case of Sterling vs. Constantin, reported in the 77 Law, Ed. P. 375, and upon reading and considering the foregoing petition, which is duly verified with affidavit annexed, and considering the law in such cases made and provided, it is ordered that Ray H. Fleming, Adjutant General of the State of Louisiana, and any Officer in charge or command of the Militia in the City of New Orleans, stationed in and about the vicinity of the office of the Registrar of Voters of the Parish of Orleans, and Huey P. Long, be, and they are hereby ordered, to show cause upon the 7th day of August, 1934, at the hour of 11 o'clock A. M., why a preliminary injunction should not be issued herein, enjoining, restraining and prohibiting the said Ray H. Fleming, Adjutant General of the State of Louisiana, or any officer in charge or command, and those members of the Militia acting and cooperating with and under his command and direction, as well as others under his command and direction, and whose names are unknown to petitioner, and the said Huey P. Long, and each of them, from exercising or attempting to exercise any of the powers and functions pretended to be conferred by said so called Martial Law Proclamation hereinbefore referred to; and from performing any power, duty, or function in connection with the Office of the Registrar of Voters of the Parish of Orleans; and from taking charge of or possessing said office and any of its records; and from further acting under and in compliance with said so called Proclamation and from presenting themselves and any of them, or continuing to do so, in or in the vicinity of the Office of the said Registrar of Voters for the Parish of Orleans, under military orders, or under orders of the said Adjutant General of the State of Louisiana or the said Huey P. Long, or others, or any Officers in charge or command, and from interfering with, questioning, molesting, hindering or objecting to any person or persons who may present themselves at said Registration Office for the purpose of registering or otherwise complying with the laws as registered voters of the Parish of Orleans, or who may otherwise be legally entitled to present themselves in said office, and enjoining, restraining, and prohibiting the said Huey P. Long from doing anything in furtherance of the conspiracy hereinbefore alleged.

It is further ordered that in view of the fact that the Registration Office will, under the Constitution and laws of the State of Louisiana be closed on the 11th day of August, 1934, and that but a few more days remain within which the citizens of the City of New Orleans may present themselves at the office of the Registrar of Voters to register, and in view of the further fact that immediate and irreparable injury, loss and damage will result to the petitioner in the foregoing petition before notice can be served and a hearing had on the application for Preliminary injunction herein, that a temporary restraining order do issue immediately forthwith, and without notice upon the said applicant furnishing bond in the sum of One Thousand (\$1000.00) Dollars conditioned as provided by existing laws, enjoining, restraining and prohibiting the said Ray H. Fleming, Adjutant General of the State of Louisiana, or any Officer in charge or command, and those members of the Militia acting and cooperating with and under his command and direction, as well as others under his command and direction, and whose names are unknown to petitioner, and the said Huey P. Long, and each of them, from exercising or attempting to exercise any of the powers and functions pretended to be conferred by said so called Martial Law Proclamation hereinbefore referred to; and from performing any power, duty or function in connection with the Office of the Registrar of Voters of the Parish of Orleans; and from taking charge or possessing said office and any of its records; and from further acting under and in compliance with said so called Proclamation and from presenting themselves and any of them, or continuing to do so in or in the vicinity of the Office of the said Registrar of Voters for the Parish of Orleans, under military orders, or under the orders of the said Adjutant General of the State of Louisiana, or the said Huey P. Long, or others, or any officers in charge or command, and from interfering with, questioning, molesting, hindering or objecting to any person or persons who may present themselves at said Registration Office for the purpose of registering or otherwise complying with the laws as registered voters of the Parish of Orleans, or who may otherwise be legally entitled to present themselves in said office, and enjoining, restraining and prohibiting the said Huey P. Long from doing anything in furtherance of the conspiracy hereinbefore alleged.

Done and signed at New Orleans, Louisiana, this 2nd day of August, 1934, at the hour of 2:45 o'clock P. M.

(Signed) **NAT W. BOND,**  
 Judge.

I hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of the temporary restraining order issued in the above numbered and entitled cause.

Parish of Orleans.

New Orleans, La.,  
 August, 1934.

*Exhibit C*

Deputy Clerk, Civil District Court,

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ACT No.109

Senate Bill No.127

By Messrs. Boudreaux and Peterman

AN ACT

To amend and re-enact Section 3 of Act 122 of the Legislature of the State of Louisiana for the year 1921, being an act providing that the books and records of registration in the Parish of Orleans shall not be interfered with or removed from the office of the Registrar except by order of the Board of Registration, and, providing that applicants for registration in the Parish of Orleans shall register only in the office of the Registrar of Voters for the Parish of Orleans.

Section 1. Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana, that Section 3 of Act 122 of the Legislature of the State of Louisiana for the year 1921 be amended and reenacted, so as to read as follows:

Section 3. The books of registration in the Parish of Orleans shall consist of and be known by the following names: One precinct register, for each precinct, consecutively numbered to correspond with the precinct stub-book for each precinct for male electors and a similar register for female electors; one certificate stub-book for each precinct for male electors and a similar certificate stub-book for female electors; one duplicate certificate stub-book for each ward for male electors and a similar duplicate certificate stub-book for female electors and such other books, stationery and paraphernalia as may be necessary for the proper conduct of the Registrar's office. All of said books, stationery and paraphernalia shall be furnished by the City of New Orleans.

The books of registration in the Parish of Orleans, together with all the records, registers, stub-books and all other books and paraphernalia used for the conduct of the Registrar's office shall not be removed from the office of the Registrar of Voters for the Parish of Orleans for any purpose, except in pursuance with an order of the Board of Registration.

Applicants for registration in the Parish of Orleans shall be received for registration only in the office of the Registrar of Voters and no act of any kind necessary or pertaining to the registration of a voter shall be performed except in the office of the Registrar of Voters, except such as may be previously authorized by the Board of Registration in facilitating the work of said Registrar and the reasonable necessities and conveniences of the public; no person or persons or officer shall at any time interfere with or disturb the Registrar of Voters of the Parish of Orleans in his custody and control of the records entrusted to his care and no person, persons, officer, officers or anyone else shall be authorized by any court to forcibly or otherwise take from the Registrar of Voters records of his said office, nor shall any person, persons, officer, officers or anyone else be authorized or commanded by any court to molest or interfere with said records; provided that nothing herein shall prevent any court from exercising competent jurisdiction vested by virtue of provisions of Section 12 of said Act No.122 of 1921.

Approved by the Governor;  
July 13, 1934.

A True Copy  
E. A. Conway,  
Secretary of State.

Exhibit A



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W. S. Whitley.

existing here, taking into consideration the expression of the Circular letter, it is our opinion that the circumstances warrant your Department in proceeding with an investigation.

The militia is at present in full control of the registration office, and defies all orders of the Civil Court, and, when a person's name is scratched from the rolls of the registration office, whether legally or illegally, he is ipso facto deprived of any right to vote at either the primary election or the general election.

We, therefore, request that you take such steps as are necessary to be authorized to make an investigation of this matter immediately.

Respectfully,  
For the U. S. Attorney,

WARREN O. COLEMAN,  
ASST. U. S. ATTORNEY.

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C O P Y

New Orleans

August

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1934

Mr. R. Whitley,  
Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
Department of Justice,  
New Orleans, Louisiana.

Dear Sir:

We are referring to you copy of letter addressed to this office by Mr. George Seth Guion, an attorney-at-law practising in the City of New Orleans, who represents certain persons who claim that they have been deprived of their civil rights as registered voters of the Parish of Orleans by being illegally scratched from the registration rolls. The letter of Mr. Guion indicates that there was a conspiracy in violation of Title 18, U.S.C.A., Section 51, to intimidate or prevent qualified electors from voting. The letter fully sets out the fact that can be established if an investigation is made, and we are also enclosing, as exhibits, letters and documents, and, particularly, certain pictures showing the militia with machine guns set up on the registration desks of the registration office, all of which it is claimed was done for the purpose of intimidating those persons who desired to register at the registration office.

We have read carefully a Circular issued by the Department of Justice, and dated October 24, 1932, and, in view of the chaotic conditions

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# ORIGINAL PROCLAMATION

The registrar of voters of the parish of Orleans has represented that the records of the office were registered, some of which were filled out and in some instances reporting that they are filled for them by officers or employees of the city of New Orleans in and out of the City Hall that as a result of the office refusing to accept the same and register such applicants threats of violence are being made against the registrar and those working in the office under him.

The city of New Orleans has caused to be moved said registration records out of the City Hall into another building known as the House building on St. Charles street without permission of the board of registration as required by recent law of the Legislature, and

"No one would have cause to complain if said records were kept safe and in compliance with the law, and additionally, so that, at all hours of the day and night, representatives of all contending factions can view all handling of records and proceedings taken in said registration office, therefore,

"Be it ordered that the mayor of the city of New Orleans, and the president of the state board of health, as the heads of the opposing political factions are each requested to designate at least two, and if either so desires, so many as three persons, who may be present in the office of the registrar of voters at any and all hours of the day and night who shall not interfere with the records or work of said office, but who may observe any and all things happening therein whether said office is closed or open; that, in order that a watch may be kept for 24 hours each day, the respective political heads may each designate as many as 10 persons with understanding that except in usual course no more than three of such persons will remain in the said registrar's office at one time, and

"Be it further ordered that the adjutant-general shall take charge and possession of said office and all its records and permit the registrar of voters to conduct said office according to law under the control and authority of said adjutant-general, and said adjutant-general shall see to it that all political factions may be protected in their rights to observe and know what occurs in the same as above set forth, and

"Be it further ordered that any and all parties, whether acting officially or unofficially, with or without orders, shall in no manner interfere with the control of the said adjutant-general and martial law of the said premises containing the office and records of the registrar of voters of the parish of Orleans is hereby declared for the purposes of carrying out this order, and

"Be it further ordered that all persons desiring to register, or transact any business in said office of the registrar of voters, be protected from any and all assault or other insult by any person or persons, and that everyone be accommodated and made to feel safe to safeguard and protect his rights of citizenship.

"This, the 30th day of July, 1934.  
By the governor,  
(Signed) O. K. ALLEN,  
Governor of Louisiana.  
(Signed) E. A. CONWAY,  
Secretary of State."

## TROOPS TO MAKE GAMBLING STUDY IN NEW ORLEANS

Allen Orders Militia to Investigate Alleged Vice Here

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To know anything, read the proclamation. Call General Fleming if you want information. I have no statement to make."

Governor Allen's supplemental proclamation, made public in Baton Rouge, follows:

State of Louisiana, Executive Department, New Orleans, La.

The order issued by me on July 30th, 1934, directing certain work and duties to be performed by the adjutant-general of the state of Louisiana, is amended so as to include the following, to-wit:

The said adjutant-general of the state of Louisiana and those operat-

ing under his order shall (without the use of any force, unless otherwise ordered by me hereafter) make a survey and investigation to determine when and where red light districts are operating within the city of New Orleans under and pursuant to sanction of city authorities; also, if anyone, is collecting from the inhabitants of the said district, and for what officials, if any, the said collections are being levied, and shall further make a survey and investigation to determine where, when and by whom they are being operated within the city limits of New Orleans and areas adjacent thereto, lotteries, roulette games, black jack, faro games, dice games, handbooks, keno games and other gambling activities; and determine whether or not sums of money are being collected by the officials of the city of New Orleans, by whom the same is being collected and to whom the same is being given, to the end that such information thus collected shall be transmitted to me for such further orders as I should find proper in the premises.

Thus done and signed this, the 31st day of July, 1934.

(Signed) OSCAR K. ALLEN,  
Governor of Louisiana.

(Seal by the governor.)  
(Signed) E. A. CONWAY,  
Secretary of State.

Governor Allen's proclamation



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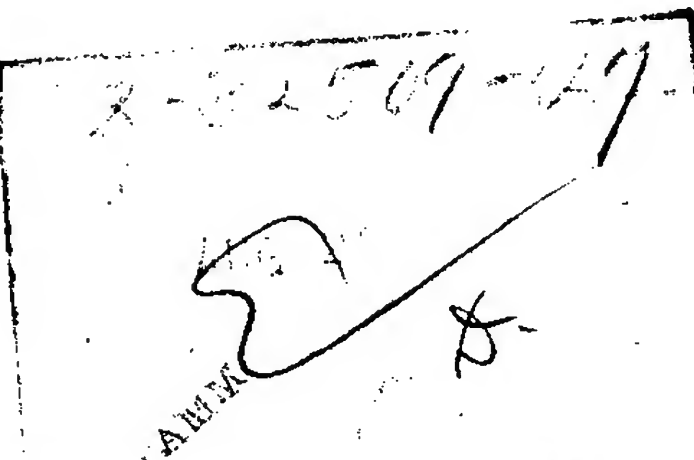
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August 30, 1934.

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Mr. R. Whitley,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
326 1/2 Post Office Building,  
New Orleans, Louisiana.

Dear Sir:

With reference to your telegram of August 23, 1934 advising of the developments in the situation at New Orleans, Louisiana, it is noted that you state that "examination of registration rolls St. Bernard and Jefferson Parish, both adjacent to New Orleans being made for names alleged unqualified voters". No statement is contained in your telegram as to the identity of the persons making this check and the wording of the previous sentence in the telegram precludes the possibility that this check is being made by the legislative committee appointed to investigate the city administration.

Obviously in transmitting the information furnished by you to interested Government officials, I am unable to comment upon this activity because of the absence of any statement indicating the identity of the persons making this check. In submitting information of this kind by telegram, it is essential that the telegram be so worded as to advise me fully concerning the subject matter of the telegram.

Very truly yours,  
For the Director,

T. D. Quinn,  
Acting Assistant Director.

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MEMORANDUM FOR ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL STEPHENS

I am attaching hereto, for your information, a copy of a letter which I have today addressed to the Honorable Harvin H. McIntyre, Assistant Secretary to the President, with reference to the situation in New Orleans.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

Inclosure #700925.

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Honorable Marvin H. McIntyre,  
Assistant Secretary to the President,  
The White House,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. McIntyre:

I am in receipt of a telegram from the Special Agent in Charge of the New Orleans Division Office with reference to the local political situation at that point. He advises that the situation remains quiet in so far as any indications of immediate violence are concerned.

More than a hundred prominent citizens of New Orleans have issued a public call for volunteers "to insure a peaceful and honest election". In Jefferson Parish, which is adjacent to New Orleans, Court proceedings have been instituted to permit an examination of registration records which are alleged to contain numerous ineligible voters. A petition was granted by the Court and the examination of records was ordered for August 27, 1934.

Several citizens in New Orleans have also instituted Court proceedings to have their names restored to the registration rolls, claiming that they were illegally removed. In St. Bernard Parish, Court proceedings have been instituted to force the Democratic Committee to accept Election Commissioners whose names were drawn but who were rejected by the Committee as being ineligible. No definite date has been set as yet for the beginning of the legislative investigation of the New Orleans city administration. The newspapers report Senator Long as expressing himself as highly pleased at the reports that the President has stated there will be no Federal intervention.

I shall keep you advised of any further developments with reference to the situation in New Orleans.

With expressions of my highest esteem and best regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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DIRECTOR DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION:

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FURTHER REFERENCE LOCAL POLITICAL ACTIVITIES SITUATION QUIET  
INSOFAR AS INDICATIONS ANY IMMEDIATE VIOLENCE CONCERNED STOP  
MORE THAN ONE HUNDRED PROMINENT NEWORLEANS CITIZENS HAVE  
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AND HONEST ELECTION UNQUOTE STOP COURT PROCEEDINGS TO PERMIT  
EXAMINATION REGISTRATION RECORDS INSTITUTED JEFFERSON PARISH  
WHICH IS ADJACENT TO NEWORLEANS ALLEGING RECORDS CONTAIN  
NUMEROUS INELIGIBLE VOTERS PETITION GRANTED BY COURT AND  
EXAMINATION OF RECORDS ORDERED FOR NEXT MONDAY MORNING STOP  
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INVESTIGATION INTO NEWORLEANS CITY=

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August 25, 1934

MEMORANDUM FOR ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL STEPHENS

For your information, I am transmitting herewith a copy of a letter addressed by me today to the Honorable Harvia H. McIntyre, Assistant Secretary to the President, pertaining to the situation at New Orleans, Louisiana.

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

Inclosure #700924.

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Honorable Marvin H. McIntyre,  
Assistant Secretary to the President,  
The White House,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. McIntyre:

With reference to the situation and conditions at New Orleans, Louisiana, I am today advised by the Special Agent in Charge of the Division Office located in that city that there have been no significant developments and that there have been no political activities or changes in the situation during the past twenty-four hours.

I will advise you of any developments in this matter.

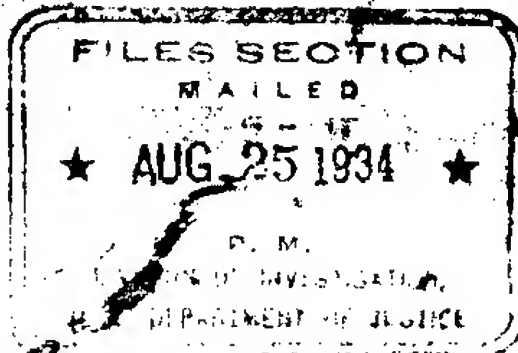
With expressions of my highest esteem and best regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE=1001 VERMONT AVE  
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FURTHER REFERENCE LOCAL POLITICAL ACTIVITIES SITUATION QUIET

NO SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENTS TODAY=

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August 24, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL STEPHENS

I am attaching hereto, as of possible interest to you,  
a copy of a letter which I have today addressed to the Honorable  
Marvin H. McIntyre, Assistant Secretary to the President.

Very truly yours,

*John Edgar Hoover*

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

Inclosure #700917.

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August 24, 1934.

Honorable Marvin H. McIntyre,  
Assistant Secretary to the President,  
The White House,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. McIntyre:

With further reference to conditions prevailing in New Orleans, I have been this morning advised by the Special Agent in Charge of the New Orleans Office of the Division that the situation remains quiet and unchanged. There have been no significant political moves or activities during the past twenty-four hour period. Both factions are making charges and threats.

National Guardsmen continue to occupy the Registrar's Office despite the fact that a Court injunction has been issued prohibiting this occupation. Congressman J. Y. Sanders, Sr. of Louisiana is reported to have by telegram asked Congressman Byrns to have a Congressional Committee visit New Orleans and observe the forthcoming election. Congressman Sanders in his telegram to Congressman Byrns is stated to have condemned the activities of the State administration.

I am advised that there is a possibility of the legislative investigation of the New Orleans city administration being postponed until after the primary election which will be held on September 11th next.

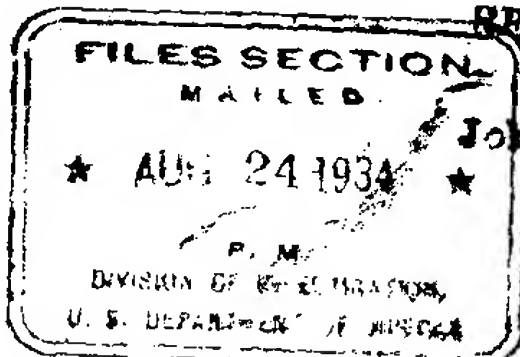
I will advise you further concerning the situation at New Orleans.

With expressions of my highest esteem and best regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

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John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.



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Mr. Quinn  
Mr. Schilder  
Mr. Tamm

By Special Agent  
10:45 A.M.



JRH:HCB

August 22, 1934.

**MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM**

Judge Stephens, Assistant Attorney General, requested today to be furnished with a copy of the information which we are forwarding daily to Mr. McIntyre at the White House, upon the New Orleans situation. Will you please see that this is done. I would suggest that copies of all past communications addressed to Mr. McIntyre upon this matter be forwarded to Judge Stephens at once.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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August 24, 1934

MEMORANDUM FOR ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL STEPHENS

Re: Conditions in New Orleans

I am transmitting herewith, for your information, copies of letters addressed by me to the Honorable Marvin H. McIntyre, Assistant Secretary to the President, under dates of August 18, 19, 20, 21 and 22, 1934. Copies of letters addressed to Mr. McIntyre since August 22, 1934 have already been furnished to you.

Very truly yours,  
JOHN EDGAR HOOVER

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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August 19, 1934

Honorable Marvin H. McIntyre,  
Assistant Secretary to the President,  
The White House,  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. McIntyre:

With further reference to my letter of yesterday concerning the situation at New Orleans, I have been advised by the Special Agent in Charge of the New Orleans Division Office that the National Guard continues to occupy their guard at the Registrar's office in New Orleans. Conditions generally in New Orleans are quiet and unchanged.

The State Legislature adjourned at 3 A.M. on August 18th after a special three-day session, during which time the 27 bills proposed by the Administration and allegedly sponsored by Huey Long, were all passed. I outlined in my letter of yesterday the circumstances of the majority of the bills which were passed. The 27th bill passed was introduced a few minutes before adjournment of the session and was speedily passed. This bill prohibits any special police officer who might be appointed by the City Administration of New Orleans, from carrying arms or weapons of any kind.

All newspaper reporters were excluded from the closing session of the Legislature and it is reported that there was a fight on the floor of the House of Representatives between several of the Legislators. It is further reported that a newspaper photographer was assaulted by Administration officials in the Capitol Building.

I am advised that it is anticipated in New Orleans that a Legislative Committee will be appointed and will start its investigation of the New Orleans City Administration during the next week.

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Hon. Marvin H. McIntyre

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There are no outward signs of excitement or active opposition evident in New Orleans at the present time, and consequently, no present indications of violence.

The consensus of opinion as expressed in New Orleans newspapers is that the passage of the 27 bills by the State Legislature allegedly at the instance of Senator Huey Long has given the Senator through the State Administration dictatorial powers, including complete dominance of election machinery and officials.

I will advise you of any additional developments or changes in this situation.

With expressions of my best esteem and highest regards,

I am

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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US DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE 1001 VERMONT AVE NORTHWEST

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FURTHER REFERENCE LOCAL POLITICAL ACTIVITIES NO SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENTS SITUATION QUIET BOTH SIDES MAKING CHARGES AND THREATS STOP NATIONAL GUARDSMEN STILL OCCUPYING REGISTRARS OFFICE IGNORING COURT INJUNCTION CONGRESSMAN J Y SANDERS JR OF LOUISIANA REPORTED TO HAVE TELEGRAPHED CONGRESSMAN BYRNS CONDEMNING STATE ADMINISTRATION ACTIVITIES AND REQUESTING CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEE TO VISIT AND OBSERVE ELECTION CONDITIONS STOP POSSIBILITY LEGISLATIVE INVESTIGATION OF NEWORLEANS CITY ADMINISTRATION AUG 24 1934 BE POSTPONED UNTIL AFTER

PRIMARY ELECTION SEPTEMBER ELEVENTH=

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*0 New Orleans, Registrar Office*



JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

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August 21, 1934

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON

On August 20, 1934, Mr. D. Nielson, Branch Manager of the Postal Telegraph office located in the Investment Building, called at this office relative to the unwarranted delay on a message forwarded to the Director from Special Agent in Charge Whitley, New Orleans, Louisiana, on August 18, 1934.

Mr. Nielson advised that Mr. Whitley sent a 224 word message on August 18, 1934, the message being filed in the New Orleans office at 10:05 A.M., and not being received in Washington until 2:08 P.M. A complete investigation of this matter has not been made by the telegraph company, Mr. Nielson stating that if the Division so desires he will institute an immediate investigation to determine the reason for the unwarranted delay.

Mr. Nielson was advised by me that it is imperative that all Division messages be handled promptly at all times, and that such unwarranted delays as this would not be tolerated by the Division.

No complaint relative to the delay on this message has been received in the Chief Clerk's office. However, inasmuch as it appears that some official of the Division evidently did complain about the delay in transmission, I will have a complete report furnished relative to the message if you so desire.

Respectfully,

W. P. Glavin.

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MEMORANDUM FOR ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL STEPHENS

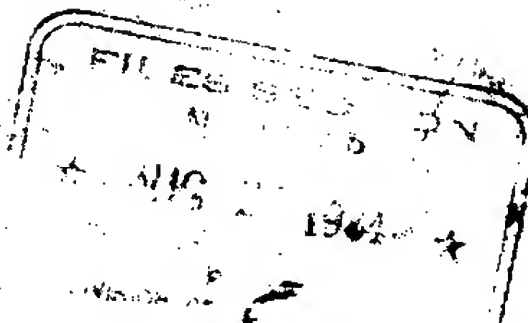
For your information, I am attaching hereto a copy of a letter transmitted by me today to the Honorable Harvin H. McIntyre, Assistant Secretary to the President, pertaining to the situation at New Orleans, Louisiana.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

Inclosure #700914.

Mr. Nathan.....
Mr. Tolson.....
Mr. Clegg.....
Mr. E. A. Tamm.....
Mr. Glavin.....
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Honorable Harvin H. McIntyre,  
Assistant Secretary to the President,  
The White House,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. McIntyre:

I am in receipt of a telegram from the Special Agent in Charge of the New Orleans Office of the Division advising that the situation in New Orleans remains quiet and unchanged. There have been no political activities or developments during the past twenty-four hour period. It is stated that the possibility of there being any violence prior to the forthcoming election is now exceedingly remote.

Two hundred National Guardsmen are available for immediate duty and are assigned to the Washington Barracks at New Orleans. A member of the National Guard has advised that the National Guard detachment will probably be increased by four hundred additional guardsmen on election day. There has been no official confirmation of this reported increase in the number of guardsmen assigned to New Orleans.

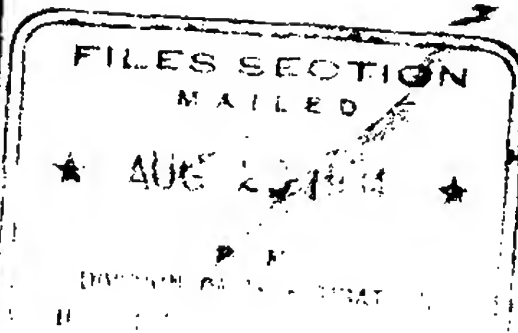
I will advise you of further developments at  
New Orleans.

With expressions of my highest esteem and best regards,

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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Mr. Clegg
Mr. Baughman
Chief Clerk
Mr. Coffey
Mr. Cowley
Mr. Edwards
Mr. Egan
Mr. Fox
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LOCAL POLITICAL ACTIVITIES NO DEVELOPMENTS SITUATION QUIET  
STOP DANGER VIOLENCE PRIOR ELECTION REMOTE STOP TWO HUNDRED  
NATIONAL GUARD AVAILABLE WASHINGTON BARRACKS HERE STOP  
GUARDSMAN ADVISES POSSIBILITY INCREASE OF FOUR HUNDRED  
ELECTION DAY HOWEVER NO OFFICIAL CONFIRMATION=

WHITLEY DWM.

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*McIntyre*  
*Stephens*  
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*New Orleans Registration Office*



RW:aw

326 1/2 Post Office Building,  
New Orleans, Louisiana,  
August 17, 1934.

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
1001 Vermont Avenue, N.W.,  
Washington, D. C.

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Reference is made to Division letter of July 19, 1934, relative to contacts by Special Agents in Charge with Governors and State Attorneys General.

I do not believe that it is advisable to contact the Governor and the Attorney General of the State of Louisiana at this time. The State Administration, under the direction of Senator Huey P. Long, is presently endeavoring to pass legislation creating a large State police organization. These attempts are being bitterly contested and apparently they are almost universally resented and opposed by local law-enforcement officials, who state that the sole purpose of the proposed organization is to supersede and intimidate local officials for political purposes.

I notice that the Administration, in their efforts to explain and justify the creation of a powerful State police organization, have been quoting Senator Copeland concerning the necessity of such organizations.

It occurs to me that the Governor and the Attorney General might endeavor to use any contacts which I might make with them at this time regarding law-enforcement work to their advantage. If they should make it appear that this Division was in sympathy with their efforts to create a State police system, I am of the opinion that it would seriously interfere with the splendid cooperation which the Division is getting from local Chiefs of Police and Sheriffs throughout the State, as resentment against the State Administration is very bitter.

I am enclosing herewith newspaper articles relative to the proposed State police organization.

In view of the above, and in the absence of instructions, I will postpone my contacts with the Governor and the Attorney General of the State of Louisiana until a more propitious time.

The Governor of the State of Mississippi has been absent from Jackson, and I plan to confer with him and the Attorney General of that State next week.

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Sincerely yours,

R. Whitley,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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August 22, 1934.

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Honorable Marvin M. McIntyre,  
Assistant Secretary to the President,  
The White House,  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. McIntyre:

With further reference to the conditions prevailing in New Orleans, Louisiana, I am advised by the Special Agent in Charge of the New Orleans Office that the situation remains quiet and unchanged. There have been no important political developments or important changes.

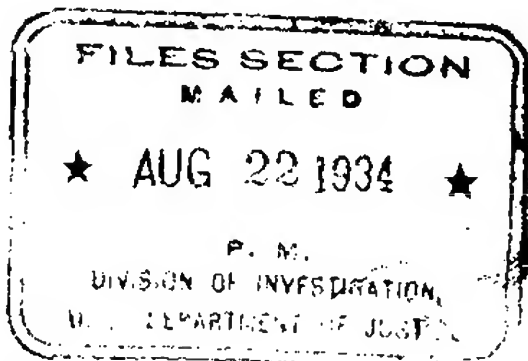
All persons interested are awaiting the formal announcement of the names of the members of the State Legislative Committee which will investigate the New Orleans city administration. The Committee has been authorized to function in its investigative capacity until February 1st next. I am advised that several Congressional candidates in speeches have stated that "force will be used against force" at the polls during the forthcoming elections on September 11, 1934.

I will advise you further of any developments at New Orleans.

With expressions of my highest esteem and best regards,  
I am

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.



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DIRECTOR DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION

U S DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE 1001 VERMONT AVE NORTHWEST WASHINGTON DC  
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LEGISLATIVE INVESTIGATIVE RELATIVE NEWORLEANS VICE CONDITIONS STOP  
COMMITTEE AUTHORIZED TO FUNCTION UNTIL FEBRUARY FIRST NEXT STOP SEVERAL  
CONGRESSIONAL CANDIDATES IN WARD SPEECHES STATE THAT FORCE WILL  
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August 21, 1934.

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Honorable Marvin H. McIntyre,  
Assistant Secretary to the President,  
The White House,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. McIntyre:

I am advised by the Special Agent in Charge of the New Orleans Division Office that the situation, to outward appearances, remains quiet and unchanged. The Chief of Police of New Orleans has dismissed 535 special police as a result of the state legislation which has been passed. The 26 bills recently passed by the State Legislature, which placed absolute control of the election officials and election machinery in the State Administration, have been signed by Governor Allen. The Legislative Committee appointed to investigate the New Orleans city administration has not as yet been named. It is reported that this committee will consist of five members appointed from the House and four members from the Senate. It is anticipated that this committee will begin to function on next Thursday. It is reported that the committee will first hold secret meetings, later holding public hearings at which time witnesses will be examined. No official confirmation of these rumors can be obtained.

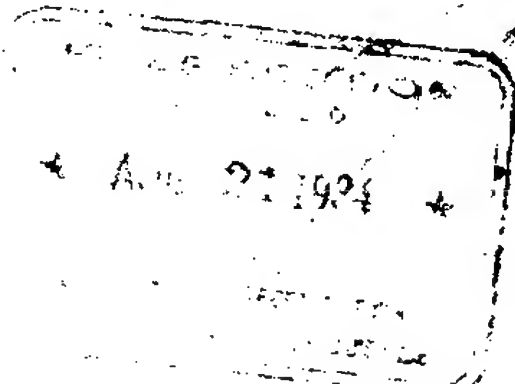
According to New Orleans newspapers, a fund of \$100,000 is available for the carrying on of the investigation of the New Orleans city administration, this fund remaining as an unexpended balance in the office of the State Supervisor of Accounts. Mayor Walmesley, in a statement to the press, predicts bloodshed on election day. He has related a reputed conversation with Senator Huey Long which occurred one year ago wherein Long stated that the "Country is ripe for a leader to sweep aside the old form of Government". The recent legislation passed by the State Legislature has been condemned in a resolution adopted by the Independent Young Democrats of the State of Louisiana at Alexandria, Louisiana. I will advise you further of any developments at New Orleans.

With expressions of my highest esteem and best regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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*Registries Office New Orleans*

Mr. Nathan	_____
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Mr. Egan	_____
Mr. Gurnea	_____
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Mr. Jones	_____
Mr. Mumford	_____
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STOP CHIEF POLICE DISMISSES FIVE HUNDRED THIRTY FIVE SPECIAL

POLICE RESULT STATE LEGISLATION STOP GOVERNOR ALLEN SIGNS

TWENTY SIX RECENT BILLS WHICH PLACES ABSOLUTE CONTROL

ELECTION OFFICIALS AND MACHINERY CONTROL STATE ADMINISTRATION

STOP STATE LEGISLATURE COMMITTEE INVESTIGATING NEWORLEANS NOT

FORMALLY ANNOUNCED COMPOSED FIVE HOUSE AND FOUR SENATE

MEMBERS WILL PROBABLY FUNCTION THURSDAY STOP REPORT FIRST

HOLD SECRET MEETINGS BROADENED BY SUBSEQUENT PUBLIC

EXAMINATION WITNESSES OFFICIAL CONFIRMATION LACKING STOP

INVESTIGATION FUNDS AVAILABLE ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS

FROM UNEXPENDED BALANCE OFFICE STATE SUPERVISOR ACCOUNTS

ACCORDING NEWSPAPER ACCOUNTS STOP MAYOR WALMSLEY PREDICTS

BLOODSHED ELECTION DAY TO PRESS AND RELATES YEAR OLD

CONVERSATION SENATOR LONG STATED COUNTRY RIPE FOR LEADER

SWEEP ASIDE OLD FORM GOVERNMENT STOP RECENT STATE LEGISLATION

CONDEMNED IN RESOLUTION BY INDEPENDENT YOUNG DEMOCRATS STATE

LOUISIANA AT ALEXANDRIA=

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
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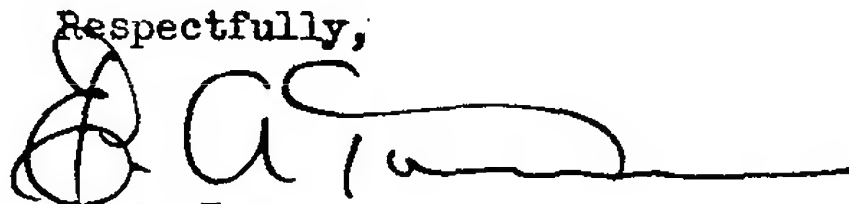
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Mr. Tamm	

I called Mr. Whitley at New Orleans and asked what happened to the telegraphic report on Huey Long last night. He advised that he sent a long telegram about 9:15 A.M. this morning. I stated we had not received it as yet and Mr. Whitley stated he would check it there at once. I informed Mr. Whitley that this was to go to the White House; that it is 1:30 now and we still have not received the telegram. Mr. Whitley stated he held this telegram up until this morning because the Legislature had a special meeting last night up until midnight to wind up their work and therefore, the telegram was sent this morning in order to bring it up to date. Mr. Whitley stated he would check and, if there was any trouble, he would call back.

Respectfully,

  
E. A. Tamm.

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EAT-24

August 18, 1934

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

I called Mr. Whitley at New Orleans with reference to the Gus Jones matter and advised him that the train would be in New Orleans at 6:00 P.M. on Sunday; that an agent should cover this several hours before and remain on duty at the office.

Mr. Whitley advised that he checked the telegram sent on the New Orleans situation; that it was delayed about 45 minutes leaving there and was over an hour in transit; that the telegraph company stated it was delivered to the Division at 2:08 P.M. I stated that I received the telegram and believe it was about 2:43 P.M. - that it was received after two o'clock. Mr. Whitley advised that the telegraph company will submit an explanation with reference to the delay as the telegram was about two and a half hours in transit. I told Mr. Whitley this telegram was O.K. and he should see that we receive one every day.

Respectfully,

E. A. Tamm.

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